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blooded Filipinos have no love for the "Castillas." On the large *haciendas* (plantations) the *ilustrado* lives in a big house, on a grand scale reminiscent of feudal days, attended by many servants poorly paid or virtually serfs.

From another angle there are in the Philippines the pure-blooded Filipinos and the *mestizos* (half-castes).

The *mestizos* are Filipinos, but are often set apart as a distinct class. In reality, the *mestizos* are simply Filipinos of mixed blood who are more commonly found in the so-called Christian parts of the Islands than in the non-Christian parts.

They are the product of intermarriage of the Filipinos with the Americans, and the Chinese, the Spaniards, and other foreigners. Just how many *mestizos* there are cannot be exactly determined, but possibly the number of native-born inhabitants having alien blood represents nearly ten per cent of the population.

The type of Filipino with Chinese blood, as for example the student class and the merchant class, have proved themselves to be natural leaders in scholarship and commerce.

Many common Filipino surnames are merely Chinese names combined to constitute a new Filipino name.

Practically all of the outstanding Filipino leaders have been and are of mixed blood. Rizal was of Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino ancestry. Quezon is of Spanish-Filipino descent.

Aguinaldo and Osmena are part Chinese. So on down the list. No Filipino leader with American blood has yet appeared on the scene, but it is only a matter of time until one does present himself,

American men in considerable numbers have married Filipino women, and many of these unions have proved happy. On the other hand, the mating of American girls with Filipino men has served to offend the sensibilities of many persons. In most cases, neither the Americans nor the Filipinos have approved of these marriages. American girls have romantically imagined that they were marrying a nobleman or a sugar